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State Environmental Directors:

Enclosed is the EPA Region 8 Compendium of Guidance for preparing or amending Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) for FFY 2008. Where new guidance has not been issued, previous guidance is still in effect. This is in accordance with 40CFR Part 35, which indicates that grant applicants should base their applications on guidance "in place at the time the application is being prepared." The 2008 Compendium is provided on the enclosed CD-ROM and is available at <http://www.epa.gov/region08/coop.html>. It is being sent as the official "Guidance of Record".

Guidance for FY08 includes the performance measurement templates introduced in FY07. EPA National Program Managers (NPMs) with the assistance of ECOS continue to develop templates which must be appended to the workplans for the affected program grants. Each categorical grant has its own template section, which is included in the NPM's grant guidance. Each template section uses the same format with the same columns. For categorical grants, the template section for that grant must be attached to the workplan. For PPGs, the template section for each grant included in the PPG must be attached. The template must be attached or appended to the workplan before the region (or NPM) can award FY 2008 grant funds to the state. EPA's national guidance on the use of the templates with a list of the grants for which they must be used is included in the Compendium. Please contact your State Planning Manager with any questions you have.

We anticipate that we will also need to negotiate at least minor revisions to the existing Agreements, due to other modifications in national and regional guidance and updated joint priorities. Please note that we continue to expect that your commitments to maintain base programs, report on program performance measures, maintain national data bases, and prepare or update quality assurance plans, as appropriate will be included in the Agreements

Questions regarding specific program guidance, please contact the individual EPA program Director. Questions about the Compendium can be directed to Dale Murphy at 303-312-6126.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Jack Hiding*

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